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MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS. [REDACTED]
BUFFINGTON

SUBJECT: / OO/OPG Relationship.

1. I understand that I will receive your comments in the near future concerning the proposed memorandum of understanding which has been submitted to me by Lyman Kirkpatrick. As I said to Mr. Buffington on the telephone today, I am convinced that it is not the intention of OO to hamper, hamstring or veto our proposed activities, but rather they are seeking to accomplish the following two purposes, viz.,

- (a) To give us what assistance they can through the media of their various field offices; and
- (b) To follow some regular procedure of notification so that there will be no misunderstandings or crossing of wires.

2. I think that we should approach Lyman's proposal on the basis of this assumption, while at the same time making it clear in our response that we cannot submit ourselves to undue restraints or interference with our activities. In other words I do not want to sound a belligerent note in our response but only to point out calmly and dispassionately the aspects of Lyman's proposal which we feel would be unduly restrictive. I was assured in a conversation with Lyman yesterday that they have no intention of insisting upon making arrangements for us in our proposed calls upon individuals who are not already established contacts of theirs; nor do they propose to veto any dealings which we might want to have for our purposes (as distinguished from theirs) with persons who are established contacts of theirs.

3. I believe that there is a good deal to be gained from our point of view by following a simple procedure of notification (repeat notification) --not clearance-- with the Contact Branch. Their files will contain information on certain individuals whom we propose to contact and at our request they can readily obtain additional information if we desire it. As evidence of this, I am submitting to you herewith a confidential memorandum which was handed to me by Lyman Kirkpatrick.

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Discussion of procedure for notifying (not clearing with) Contact Branch. ADPC doesn't want to quarrel with proposal in general, but to point out aspects which would unduly restrict OPC dealings with prospective or actual contacts of theirs. On balance ADPC feels OPC would have much to gain by proposed agreement.

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